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SLAV CAMPAIGN HAS COLLAPSED, BERLIN CLAIMS

Reports Russ Army Opposing Von Hindenburg Lost 140,000 Men.

CROWN PRINCE SMASHES ENTRANCE INTO VAUX

One Zeppelin Destroyed of Five that Raided London, Killing 28 and Wounding 44.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Berlin (via London), April 1.—The Russian offensive against Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army on the northern part of the eastern front, has collapsed according to the official statement issued by the German war office today.

In this offensive, which began on March 15, and continued until March 20, the statement says, the Russian losses are "carefully calculated" at 140,000 men out of the 500,000 engaged, although this half a million men was supported by an "unprecedented amount of munitions."

The Russians gained no success by the offensive, as to the purpose of which the war office presents an order which it says was issued to the Russian army in this sector on March 17. In this order "the ejection of the enemy from the frontiers of the kingdom" appears as the purpose of the offensive.

London, April 1.—Swinging back across the Meuse in his pendulum-like drive on Verdun, the crown prince, by a mighty night attack on the Vaux-Haudremont front, smashed forward into the village of Vaux.

New attacks launched today against the ravine connecting the ruined fort of Douaumont and Vaux were repulsed, according to the midnight statement from Paris. West of the Meuse, where by a previous blow of the pendulum, the Crown Prince won Malancourt, the day passed quietly, the Germans contenting themselves with consolidating the ground gained.

German troops entered Vaux after a desperate battle, in which, despite immensely superior numbers, they had been repulsed several times.

Their first attack broke down completely under the French machine gun and barrage fire. The second, in which hand-to-hand fighting was developed, lasted several hours before the first German set foot in the outskirts of the village. A great part of the ruined hamlet still remains in the hands of the French.

One Raiding Zeppelin Wrecked.

One of the five German Zeppelins which conducted a three-pronged raid on London's suburbs and the eastern and northern counties last night, was destroyed by the British gunfire. At least one of the others is believed to have been hit. Twenty-eight persons were killed and forty-four injured by bombs dropped from the raiding dirigibles.

So far it has been impossible to compute the property damage, telegraph lines being put out of commission in many places by a storm. The raid lasted five hours, the Zeppelins flying over many towns without even attempting to drop bombs.

The wrecked Zeppelin was the L-15. It was struck in the stern by a shell and immediately fell to a lower level. Slowly it continued to descend until it fell into the Thames Estuary. The crew was captured and taken to Chatham.

That another of the raiders may have met a similar fate is indicated by the story brought back today by a pilot, who had taken a steamer to sea. He says he saw a Zeppelin, its back broken, at sea. It was more than 700 feet long.

Were Superdirigibles.

All five of the raiders were of a new type, which has but recently taken to the air. They were super-dirigibles, much larger than the Zeppelins which made earlier raids on England. That one of these Dreadnoughts of the air should be brought down by British fire for the first time in the war caused great satisfaction here.

Reports so far received make it certain that at least seventy-four bombs were dropped by the air invaders. Some fell in the suburbs of London.

REPORTS VILLA WOUNDED.

Carranzista Commander Declares Outlaw Was Shot in Leg.

Queretaro, Mexico, April 1.—Gen. Gabriel Gaviarra, commanding the constitutionalist forces operating against Villa, reports that Villa was wounded in the knee and possibly has lost his right leg. The Villistas are carrying him on a pallet. It is officially reported that Villa was wounded when he attacked Guerrero two days ago, losing about 100 men.

Horsemanship Billy Sunday.

Baltimore, Md., April 1.—Sherman Potts, of near Springfield, Ill., who, it is claimed, horsemanship Billy Sunday seven years ago in Springfield, is held today by the local police, it being feared he came here to duplicate the trick.

Asquith to Visit Pope.

Rome, April 1.—Announcement was made today that Premier Asquith would visit Pope Benedict XV during the British statesman's stay in Rome.

Five More Vessels, Four Neutral, Sunk by U-Boats

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, April 1.—Five more vessels, four of which were neutral, were reported today as having been sunk by German submarines.

Norway loses three ships, the Memento, Norue, and Hansgude. The crews of the latter two were saved and all but one of the Memento rescued. It is believed the missing sailor or perished.

Lloyds reports the sinking of the Swedish steamer Hollander, of 1,115 tons. The crew was saved.

From Patras, Greece, comes the report of the sinking Thursday off the coast of Greece of the British schooner John Pritchard. All aboard were saved.

MANY FORCED TO JOIN VILLA

Mexicans Made to Accompany Raiders at Point of Pistol.

"PEOPLE ARE SICK OF WAR," OLD CITIZENS DECLARE

American Soldiers and Their Gold Coin Win Many Friends Among the Mexicans.

By DANON RUNYON.
(Special Correspondent of the International News Service.)

With U. S. Army Headquarters in the Field in Mexico, March 30 (via Courier to Columbus, N. Mex.)—According to many Mexicans, most of the comparatively few men with Francisco Villa are serving him against their wishes.

It is said Villa impressed many of his followers, forcing them to accompany him on the raid into Columbus and since, under penalty of death.

Conscription in Violent Form.

"Villa made men and boys go with him at the point of the pistol when he came up this way last time," said an old resident yesterday. "They didn't want to go. They are sick of war. But they were afraid to resist. It was conscription in a violent form."

"What was true of the people along his last line of march is probably true of the people everywhere else throughout the republic. Villa may be able to add a few to his following by the same methods, but I do not believe he will raise any considerable army as has been reported."

The reports that trickle in from the far-flung American front do not indicate the Villa is adding to his crew. In his flight down along the Casas Grandes valley he was seen by many persons and, while their estimates of the number of his men vary, it seems to be agreed that he didn't have over 300.

Soldiers Win Many Friends.

Wherever American soldiers have moved in Mexico they have left a very favorable impression. They are going to remove any hostility that may have existed in the minds of the country people of the republic against the Americans if possible.

The American quartermasters are buying hay and grain in large quantities and paying well for it. The soldiers purchase eggs, chickens, preserves, milk and everything else of an edible nature that they can find.

American tobacco is becoming scarce, but the men buy the native Mexican product, which they call "doble tobacco," and it answers the purpose very well.

Mormons Want Troops to Remain

Colonists and Many Mexicans Feel Safe for First Time.

In the field in Mexico, via radio to Columbus, N. Mex., April 1.—A canvass of the American Mormons in this region, which has just been completed, develops the emphatic sentiment that the United States troops should remain here for a long time regardless of the outcome of the chase for Villa.

Many Mexicans, now informed that the American troops are in Mexico, are returning to their homes in this vicinity, reassured by their presence. A detachment of Carranza troops arrived at Casas Grandes today from Juarez.

No significance is attached to their arrival.

A terrific windstorm prevailed over this region today.

Maj. Schley Given Farewell.

Columbus, N. Mex., April 1.—Maj. Thomas F. Schley, son of the late Admiral Schley, left today for San Francisco en route to Honolulu. He has been major for the Twentieth Infantry. A band concert was tendered the major prior to the arrival of the Golden State Limited.



FACING THE INEVITABLE

PIRATE FACES PLOT CHARGE

To Arraign Matoppo's Captor for Attempt to Dynamite Pannomia.

Schiller Declares His Aids Lost Nerve After Preparing to Wreck Liner Month Ago.

New York, April 1.—Ernest Schiller, the lone German pirate who captured the British ship Matoppo single handed and held it for a night, was locked up in New York police headquarters tonight. He will be arraigned tomorrow morning in Jefferson Market police court, charged with having, in concert with others not yet arrested, attempted to put dynamite on board the Cunard steamship Pannomia as she lay at her pier in the North River on March 3.

When Schiller is arraigned he will be held for examination later. The police can hold him in this way for forty-eight hours, while they decide to whom he belongs. The New York Federal authorities do not want Schiller.

They say that they have enough cases of German plotters to deal with, and think that if Schiller's offense is a matter of Federal jurisdiction he should be sent back to Delaware, for the United States authorities there to proceed against. The Federal authorities and the New York police conferred today, but did not decide.

Schiller's Aids Lost Nerve. Capt. Tunney, at police headquarters, would not say tonight whether or not Schiller had given the names of the men who, he declares, were associated with him in the attempt to blow up the Pannomia. The plot fell through because two of the four men became frightened. The third man dropped out then. This, despite the fact that one of the four had acquired a motor boat and the other, Schiller says, had got some of the dynamite necessary.

Blames Fog for Wreck.

Cleveland, April 1.—Fog the night of the triple New York Central wreck, which resulted in death to twenty-eight and injury to forty, was so dense that signals could only be discerned as the locomotive dashed by, according to testimony of Fireman R. D. Turner, of second No. 86, before the joint Federal-State investigating committee today. It was the worst fog he ever saw, Turner said.

Aviators Damage Swiss Town.

London, April 1.—A Central News dispatch from Zurich, says that heavy damage was caused when two aviators of unknown nationality dropped bombs on the Swiss village of Porrentruy on Friday. The Swiss ministers at Paris and Berlin will make inquiries as to whether the attack was made by French or German aviators.

FARMERS DUMP MILK ON ROAD

Chicago Faces Dairy Famine Unless Dealers Pay Increase Demanded.

Two Hundred Producers Distribute 22,000 Pounds Free, Telling People to Bathe in Milk.

Chicago, April 1.—The farmers around Chicago made good their threats today to dump milk into the ditches rather than see it go to the dealers who have refused to meet their demands for an increase in price. The dealers found their bottling plants closely picketed by farmers, armed with eggs and other missiles, ready to prevent the delivery of any milk by seceding farmers.

The Borden plant, at Huntley, was indefinitely closed. In Marengo a crowd of farmers dumped in the gutters ten cans of milk from the wagon of a farmer who was on his way to the plant. The plant at Dundee, which generally receives milk from forty dairies, received a supply from only nine, and the Algonquin plant received milk from but nineteen of its usual one hundred.

People Told to Bathe in Milk.

Reports stated that no milk at all was delivered to the Borden plant at Hebron, the Roseland Dairy Company's plant at Roseland, and the Jelke plant at Harmony. More than 200 farmers gave away 22,000 pounds of milk. Cans were set on the sidewalks and people were told to help themselves, take it home to bathe in, if they wished.

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"NOT GUILTY" SAYS BERLIN

Germany Formally Denies Responsibility for Explosion on Liner Sussex.

Delay Expected in Getting German Side of Attacks on Other Two Vessels.

The State Department yesterday made public the purport of the reply which the German foreign office has made to Ambassador Gerard's request for information concerning the explosion on the Channel liner Sussex. The reply is to the effect that the German government knows nothing about the cause of the explosion. No submarine commander has reported having attacked the Sussex.

The only information which German foreign office officials claim to have concerning this case or the cases of the alleged attacks on the Englishman and the Manchester Engineer, where American lives were placed in jeopardy, comes from reports in the German press.

In making its position clear to Ambassador Gerard, the German foreign office has, of course, explained that should any submarine commander report on any of the cases mentioned, the facts contained in the report will be communicated to the United States government. Officials of the State Department here anticipate considerable delay before getting the German side of the alleged attacks on the Englishman and the Manchester Engineer.

No surprise is manifested here over the fact that Germany denies responsibility in the Sussex case, as it has been known for several days that Germany claims that a German submarine could not have been responsible.

25,000 Painters Strike.

New York, April 1.—Taking their employers by surprise at the height of the busy season, 25,000 Long Island painters, comprising five locals in Brooklyn, Queens and adjacent territory, went on strike today. The men demand \$4 for an eight hour day. They now receive \$4.

Fire Destroys Oil Plant.

Middletown, N. Y., April 1.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the plant of the Texas Oil Company here today. Four tanks exploded and a dozen nearby dwellings were fired. The loss was \$50,000. Frank Uman, an employee was probably fatally burned.

FLIER BREAKS ARMY RECORD

Makes Round-Trip from Newport News to Capital with Passenger.

Steve McGordon, Pilot, Circles Capital Twice and Returns Without Stopping Engine.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Newport News, Va., April 1.—Flying from this city to Washington and back in four and a half hours, Steve McGordon, of New York, instructor in the Curtiss aviation school here, today established a new cross-country flight record, carrying a passenger.

The distance as the crow flies is 300 miles. The machine was in the air five hours and five minutes, thirty-five minutes of the time being spent in altitude flights. The engine did not stop once during the long flight.

Breaks Army Record.

MacGordon was accompanied by Lieut. Vivian Hewitt, British royal naval service. The machine left here at 10:30 o'clock this morning and returned at 2:17, but it was not until 2:25 that a landing was made.

MacGordon says he arrived in Washington at 12:33 o'clock, and started back to this city after circling twice over the Capital.

The machine was 3,000 feet in the air when it left here, but made the return trip at an altitude of 10,000 feet. MacGordon's feat wreaths the cross-country flight passenger-carrying record from Lieut. Dodd, U. S. A. Dodd flew from San Diego, Cal., to Burbank, Cal., a distance of 241.18 miles, on February 14, 1914, with a passenger.

Roosevelt Urged to Take Stump.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 1.—Col. Roosevelt, back in his stronghold at Sagamore Hill after the peace meal with Senator Root, is being urged to take the stump for preparedness. Members of various societies and others who are greatly interested in the movement for national defense and want the colonel to take the stump in its behalf, called to see Roosevelt today.

British Liner Aground.

Cape Town, South Africa, April 1.—The British liner Rangitire, bound from England to New Zealand, ran ashore on Robin Island near Cape Town in a heavy fog early today.

VILLA, UNHURT, HANGS 3 AMERICANS BEFORE FLEEING SOUTHWARD

Outlaw Also Personally Directs the Execution Of British and German Subjects After Capturing Carranza Garrison

BANDIT MOVES ON CHIHUAHUA

Six Columns of American Troops, Under Dodd, Dog Villa's Trail Over Snow-Covered Plateau, Pursuing Scattered Mexican Forces.

Col. Dodd, with Six Columns of American Troops, Pursues Bandit Forces Over Snow-Covered District

Special to The Washington Herald.
With United States Army Headquarters in the Field, via Columbus, N. Mex., April 1.—Six columns of American troops are now in pursuit of Pancho Villa and his scattered forces. The troops are operating in a district covered by heavy snow.

Col. George A. Dodd, acting as a brigadier, is in command. The advance columns are commanded by Col. Brown, Tenth Cavalry; Maj. Evans, Tenth Cavalry; Col. Erwin, Seventh Cavalry. The supporting columns are: Maj. Tompkins, with two troops of the Thirteenth Cavalry and two troops of the Tenth; Maj. Lindsley, with a squadron of the Thirteenth, and Maj. Howze, with a picked squadron from the Eleventh.

It was the column under Col. Erwin which engaged the Villistas and killed sixty of them on Wednesday.

By International News Service.

El Paso, Tex., April 1.—Francisco Villa has personally directed the execution of three Americans, one German and one English subject since last Monday night, when he captured the Carranza garrison at Guerrero.

He is encamped tonight fifty miles due west of Chihuahua City, negotiating for the surrender of that place.

This definite information was officially reported to the State Department by its own representatives at 4 p. m. today in El Paso. The report also said on reliable authority it had been learned the bandit chieftain was in no way wounded or disabled.

Victims Hanged, Then Shot.

Here is the list of the victims:
Dr. A. T. Stell, an American, who has been practicing medicine in the Guerrero mining district for two years.

Bruce—alias Gerald McGregor, British, employed until January, 1916, by a news association as correspondent at Chihuahua.

Lee Lindsley, American, resident at Minaca.

Herman Blankenberg, German superintendent of Magistral Mine, near Minaca.

Benjamin Snell, American cattle buyer, with large interests in the vicinity of Minaca.
Dr. Stell and Bruce were captured and murdered at Guerrero on Monday night, immediately after the Carranza garrison had been seized and forced to surrender. Both men were in hiding, but their whereabouts was revealed by spies. Villa ordered them dragged out, stripped of their clothing, hanged and shot.

Lindsley, Blankenberg and Snell were captured and killed at Minaca in the same manner early on Tuesday.
The State Department report said Frank Woods, another cattleman, had been reported killed, but the information could not be confirmed. Every effort is being made to get information of Henry Ackland, also known to be in that district.

900 Desert Carranzas.
It has been established that Villa captured the garrisons at Guerrero, Isidro and Minaca during Monday night. Passengers who have arrived from Chihuahua on the Mexican Central say Col. Carranza, with 900 troops, formerly loyal to Carranza, has taken the field with the avowed purpose of fighting the Americans.

It was first said Col. Cane had joined forces with Villa, but this is not credited in official circles, as the two men are enemies of long standing. Col. Cane was chief of staff to Luis Herrera when the latter was in command of the forces in Chihuahua.

Herrera has returned to Chihuahua with an escort of less than 100 of the army which followed him into the hills ten days ago, when it was reported he had renounced Carranza. The Carranza authorities have made no effort to find out the whereabouts of the Herrera force and the future plans of this leader is a mystery.

All this information has been communicated by military officials here to Maj. Gen. Funston at San Antonio.

Chihuahua Commander Flees.

Luis Gutierrez, the commander of all forces in the state of Chihuahua, has left his headquarters in the capital, and his whereabouts is said to be unknown. Gutierrez has never gained fame as a man of great physical courage, and it is believed he has taken flight while the railroads to the south are still open. He telegraphed Gen. Gaviarra at Juarez last night, asking re-enforcements and saying that if Villa made a move to take Chihuahua there would be little or no resistance from the Carranza garrison.

No significance is attached to the report from Casas Grandes that a trainload of Mexican troops had arrived there from Juarez. The party consisted of General Bertani of the Carranza forces and his escort. Bertani came here several days ago for a conference with General Gaviarra and Consul Garcia.

Villa Safe and Gaining Strength.
There was a flurry of excitement caused here early today by the report that Villa was captured. Later information showed that the bandit leader was not only at liberty, but apparently gaining strength on the march southward.

Eight carloads of commercial freight went south over the Mexican Northwestern today. Four carloads were of coal, and the remainder of general provisions, and all were consigned to dealers at Casas Grandes and Colonia Dublan. Unless the train meets delay or disaster on the way, more than 300 tons of supplies will be at the main base and available for army use tomorrow.

The train was held up at the last moment by General Gaviarra's orders, one car of commercial freight taken off and a carload of horses for Bertani's command put on in its stead.

Peking in Panic Fearing Mutiny

Rumored Resignation of Yuan Leads U. S. Embassy to Take Precautions.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Peking, China, April 1.—Owing to rumors of President Yuan Shi-Kai's resignation Peking is in a state of panic. It is feared his withdrawal would cause the soldiers to mutiny and loot as they did in 1912. Trains bound for Tientsin are crowded with the families of officials. Merchants and shopkeepers are removing their stocks and taking other precautions.

At the American legation arrangements have been made to bring in Americans living outside the legation quarters.

One of the members of the Chinese cabinet said today that there was no truth in the report that Yuan would resign.

Pestilence Sweeps Through Poland

Spotted Typhus, Smallpox and Cholera Follow in Wake of Armies.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Lublin, Russian Poland, March 28 (via London, April 1).—The whole of Russian Poland and of Galicia, especially the sections where devastation took place through the passage of the armies, is ravaged by spotted typhus, smallpox and cholera. In the cities and villages large signs bearing the skull and crossbones give warning of the presence of the dread diseases which are prevalent everywhere. Even in the smallest villages there are several funerals each day.

Five Children Burn to Death.

Scranton, Pa., April 2.—Five children were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed the home of Patrick Marlon, in North Scranton.